

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3256 - SB 3146

March 11, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the contract provider, in cases where the Department of Children's Services has contracted with an in-home service provider and a school official has contacted the contract provider three times in a school year to complain that the child is threatening harm to himself or others, to petition a court of competent jurisdiction within 24 hours of receiving the third complaint to order a full inpatient psychiatric evaluation of the child.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$426,300

Assumptions:

- Currently, there 15,221 non-custodial youth.
- According to the Department of Children's Services, approximately four percent or 609 of these adolescents have considered suicide in the last two weeks (15,221 x 4%).
- The current cost of in-home service per hour is \$70.
- The estimated number of additional hours needed per child is 10 hours.
- The total cost of in-home service is estimated to be \$426,300 (609 x \$70 x 10 hours).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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